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SUBJECT Troops at Iasi

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1. There are no Soviet troops in Iasi.

2. The Border Guard Barracks consists of a number of private houses at the northern end of the town, seized for the purpose.

3. A border guard battalion, commanded by Capt. Letkov [] is stationed at this barracks. The battalion staff is 22 men strong; there are 45 to 50 men in the staff platoon. The battalion consists of a training company of 155 men, commanded by Lt. Ionescu; a reserve company, 40 to 50 men; the 1st Company about 120 men, the 2nd Company about 130 men; and the 3rd Company 134 to 140 men.

4. The battalion has charge of six posts, among them being Bosia, Petresci, Frasuleni, Nedeleni, Podul Iunei, and Sculeni. Each post has 40 to 45 men. The service is easy, since the border is carefully watched from the Soviet side and there is no regular civilian traffic across. Fraternization with the Soviets is strictly forbidden.

5. A great deal of the activity consists in training recruits; those now under training belonging to the class of 1930.

6. The battalion has only four 3-ton trucks, belonging to the reserve company, one personnel car, and two motorcycles. There are numerous horses.

7. In the middle of the town there is an infantry barracks with a capacity of one battalion. It is now occupied by a Rumanian infantry battalion with all units. In October 1952 this battalion received 200 recruits of the class of 1930.

8. The munitions depot of the garrison is four km north of the town at the village of Aroneanu. It consists of two buildings, and has a guard of 10 to 12 men.

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